within the existing ceiling of 5652 Projects. This position has been intimated to all the States, including Maharashtra.

Optional use of fund for women and child welfare

1165. SHRI T.S. BAJWA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to develop an effective mechanism to ensure that the allocated sum for women and child welfare is spent optimally; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI JAS KAUR MEENA): (a) and (b) The Department of Women and Child Development ensures optimal utilization of funds released under the Centrally Sponsored Schemes through monitoring of physical progress reports and financial utilization details obtained from the State Governments.

In respect of central sector grants-in-aid schemes, Scheme Guidelines prescribe the parameters for the approval of projects. Projects are taken up for consideration only after they are duly recommended by the State Empowered Committees constituted for the purpose. Projects are thereafter scrutinized by the members of the Project Sanctioning Committee before they are approved. The scheme guidelines provide for monitoring and submission of periodical progress reports, by their supervisory agencies, such as the State Women's Development Corporations. Second and subsequent instalments are released only after receipt of utilization certificates for the previous releases.

Permission for professional institutions

†1166. SHRI LAJPAT RAI:
SHRI KAPIL SIBAL:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that permission has been granted to start several professional institutions during the last five years;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(b) if so, the total number of these institutions; and

(c) the number of these institutions in Government and Non-Government Sectors separately?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. VALLABHBHAI RAMJIBHAI KATHIRIA): (a) to (c) As per the information furnished by AICTE (All India Council for Technical Education), they have accorded approval for establishment of 1765 technical institutions during the last five years, of which 136 institutions are in Government sector (including University Department and Government Aided Institutions) and the remaining 1629 institutions are in Non-Government sector.

Oriya medium schools in Orissa-West Bengal borders

1167. SHRI B. J. PANDA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Oriya dominated villages on the Orissa-West Bengal borders falling in West Bengal do not have Oriya medium schools and the students are forced to receive education in Bengali medium;

(b) whether as a result the Oriya language in these villages is on the verge of extinction and it is a cause of discontentment among the Oriya speaking people; and

(c) if so, whether Government would prevail upon West Bengal Government to make arrangement for Oriya medium schools in these villages to redress the grievances of Oriya population?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. VALLABHBHAI RAMJIBHAI KATHIRIA): (a) to (c) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Untrained teachers for elementary education

1168. SHRI SHAHID SIDDIQUI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are planning to employ totally